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In re Patent Application of:
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For: NODE, METHOD AND COMPUTER
READABLE MEDIUM OPTIMIZING
PERFORMANCE OF SIGNATURE RULE
MATCHING IN A NETWORK

Examiner: C. G. Colin

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper, wherein claims 1-2 and 13 are amended and new claims 18-20 are presented.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.